(a) whether it is a fact that Government is spending only one per cent of the GDP for the health of the people in the country;

(b) if so, the facts and complete details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government is taking to improve the percentage for the welfare of the poor people like minorities especially living in slum areas in each State especially in Andhra Pradesh in the current Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Government Spending on Health Sector is in the vicinity of one per cent of the GDP with the Central Govt. contribution on health in the range of 25% to 30% of the total Govt. spending. With the launch of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in April 2005, budgetary allocations by the Union and State Governments have significantly gone up.

To enhance public spending on health a number of measures have been initiated in the spheres of primary, secondary, tertiary healthcare and control of Communicable and Non-communicable diseases. The NRHM aims at effecting an architectural correction in the existing healthcare delivery system particularly primary and secondary healthcare. The Mission *inter-alia* seeks to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and quality health care facilities, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population including minorities throughout the country including Andhra Pradesh etc.

Setting up of All India Institute of Ayurveda

784. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up All India Institute of Ayurveda on the pattern of AIIMS;

(b) if so, where and by when the Institute would be set up and at what cost;

(c) by when it is expected to be made operational and what are the salient features of the Ayurveda treatment; and

(d) whether it would be better in treatment than the previous National institute of Ayurveda at Jaipur?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Yes. Action has already been initiated to set up the All India Institute of Ayurveda at Sarita Vihar, New Delhi at a total capital cost of Rs.134.05 crores and recurring cost of Rs.20.50 crores within the 11th Plan so as:

i. to facilitate quality research about safety and efficacy of Ayurveda Products;

ii. to develop benchmark of Ayurvedic education, research and health care;

iii. to undertake inter-disciplinary education & research programme of Ayurveda in collaboration with premier national and international organizations;

iv. to establish viable communication between Ayurveda and modern sciences and translating traditional standards into modern scientific parameters for global positioning of Ayurveda; and

v. to develop and document best practices, safety and efficacy data and standard treatment protocols of Ayurveda.

(d) Yes. The proposed institute will be developed as a referral and research hospital and receive patients referred by National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur and other Ayurvedic Hospitals in the country.

Opening of AIIMS like institutions

†785.SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that an announcement was made by Government that on the pattern of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, institutions at six different places of the country, would be opened;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, whether there is any fresh proposal to open such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, the Government approved the proposal in 2006 for setting up of six AIIMS-like institutions in the first phase of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

(b) The Design-DPR Consultants selected for preparation of designs and the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have submitted the DPRs for medical college and hospital complex. Project Consultants have also been appointed at all sites and work is expected to start in September, 2009 and get completed by the end of 2011.

The availability of faculty/medical staff is key to efficient running of these institutions. The work of construction of residential complexes has, therefore, been taken up on priority work has started at all 6 Sites and will be completed at all sites by the end of 2010.

(c) In addition, it has also been decided to set up two more new AIIMS-like institutions, one each in West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh in the second phase of PMSSY.

Review of functioning of CGHS

786. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reviewed functioning of Central Government Health Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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